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15c CHILE: The junta appears to have the security situation well in hand, but it is concerned that its opponents will attempt to refocus international attention on Chile with headline-making activity over the holiday period.

Strict security measures remain in effect nationwide, including spot searches of travelers on trains and buses. As part of its general strategy, the junta [REDACTED] has decided that it will not negotiate with kidnapers and that three prominent leftist prisoners will be executed if any kidnap victim is killed.

The left, however, still is far from ready to launch a concerted guerrilla-terrorist campaign, but extremists probably are capable of mounting a few spectacular operations. The greatest danger may come from the current wage-price squeeze, which has placed traditional Christmas amenities beyond the reach of many Chileans and could lead to a serious increase in resentment of the government's economic policies. [REDACTED]

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